withdraw their strike notice), the Government had agreed to consider bifurcating the Department of Telecom Services into two Departments, *i.e.* Department of Telecom Services and Department of Telecom Operations, and that the Secretary of the newly created Department of Telecom Operations will be from the ITS Cadre.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir. The DTS and the DTO are to be serviced by the existing personnel of the DTS.

Working of Copper-alloy Strip Manufacturing Unit in GOA

208. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IDBI and IFCI have given huge foreign currency loans to copper alloy strip manufacturing unit in Goa;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the unit has utilised the precious foreign currency and started production but is not being forced to shut down the factory on account of violence by some miscreants on flimsy ground; and

(c) if so what steps Government are taking to ensure smooth working of the plant so that public money of financial institution in foreign currency does not go down the drain, putting further strain on the exchequer?

THE MINISTER TO STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) IDBI and IFCI have an exposure in copper strip manufacturing unit in Goa. However, in accordance with the practices and usages customary amongst banks and in conformity with the provisions of statutes governing public sector banks and financial institutions as also the provisions of public Financial Institutions (obligation as to Fidelity and Secrecy) Act, 1983, further details relating to individual constituents cannot be divulged.

Nationalisation of Banks

209. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lack of knowledge of the Schemes, the nationalisation of Banks did not bring about the desired result of economic independence for the poor especially the small and medium peasants and women in rural areas;